(g) The scheme of examination is different for different categories of posts. Also, the number of vacancies for various categories of posts is different. The merit list for various categories of posts is drawn on all India merit basis, based on aggregate marks in the written examination as well as interview, wherever applicable and the allocation of candidates in the various services depends upon their merit, preference and the vacancy pertaining to the services.

Revision of GDP growth rate

559. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to revise GDP growth target downward from the earlier stipulated growth rate of 6.5% per annum; and

(b) the latest trends of GDP growth since the first year of Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal with the Planning Commission to scale down the planned growth rate of 6.5% per year as set out in the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002).

(b) As per the Central Statistical Organisation, the growth in Gross Domestic Product since the first year of the Ninth Plan (1997—2002) has been:

Year	Rate of Growth of GDP(%)
1997-98	4.8
1998-99	*6.6*
1999-2000	6.4
2000-2001	5.2

Task Force on employment opportunities

560. SHRI RAMA SHANKERKAUSHBC:
SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted any task force for creation of employment opportunities in the country and whether the said task force has submitted any report;

(b) if so, the suggestions made in the report;